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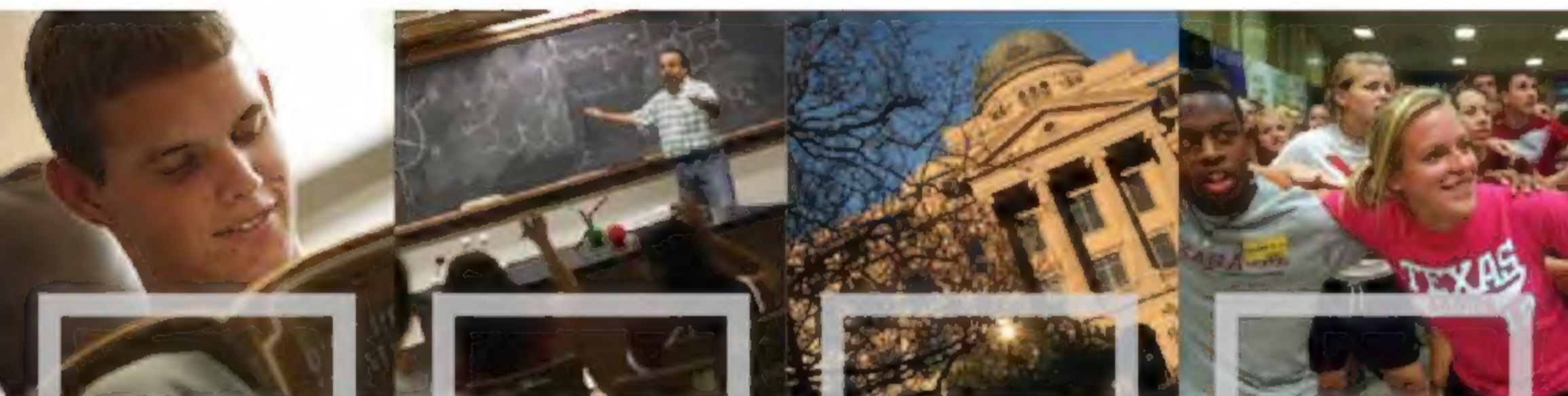
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S-E-C, S-E-C, S-E-C! Doesn't it feel good to finally be able to call Texas A&M an official member of the nation's premier athletic conference?

Okay, so maybe it's not officially "official" until July 1, 2012, but you know what I mean. The amount of hate coming from Waco, Austin and even some national media outlets towards A&M during the conference realignment adventure was starting to get a little old.

Unfortunately, it's becoming apparent now that the hate has not gone away. Instead, it has transformed into a mission by our neighbor universities to boycott the Aggies by refusing to play them in any sport for the foreseeable future. Remember when Baylor's Ken Starr was pleading to keep the precious state rivalries intact? That, my friends, is hypocrisy at its finest.

The truth is, the Longhorns will probably be just fine without playing the Aggies unless their season ticket holders start grumbling about their laughable home football schedule. However, if Waco's economy really is as dependent on Aggie fans visiting as Starr and company have led us to believe, then the Bears are only hurting themselves more by boycotting A&M teams.

Here's a news flash for our soon to be former conference mates... Texas A&M is going to be just fine without playing you ever again if that's what it comes to. The Aggies just joined the strongest conference in the country – so strong that it does not have any exit fees because no one wants to leave. Good luck keeping the Big 12 (-2-1+1-1?+1?) together for another few years as you force teams to sign all their rights away in blood.

For now, the Aggies shall continue their Big 12 farewell tour. They have already secured "scoreboard" over Texas Tech and Baylor, and the final meeting with Texas is just around the corner. It really is a shame that bruised egos in Austin have killed one of the most storied rivalries in all of college athletics, but, alas, life will go on.

As President Loftin said, this was a 100-year decision for Texas A&M, and I will always admire him for making it and sticking with it through all of the obstacles he faced along the way.

Lastly, here are several things to look forward to when the Aggies do "officially" join the SEC next summer:

Conference pride: It might take an adjustment period to get used to a conference where each school supports one another when facing opponents from other conferences.

Tailgating: Aggies who think they know how to tailgate are in for an awakening when they go on SEC road trips and see pregame festivities that are on another level.

Mascots: Reveille will have some canine company in the SEC with UGA (Georgia's English bulldog), Smokey (Tennessee's bluetick coonhound) and Bully (Mississippi State's English bulldog).

School spirit: Texas A&M will feel right at home with the tradition-rich schools in the SEC, however, the Aggies may have to make some changes in seating for students and the band to comply with conference rules. With change in the air, perhaps it's time for A&M to add a pom squad (in addition to yell leaders) to the already stellar game day atmosphere.

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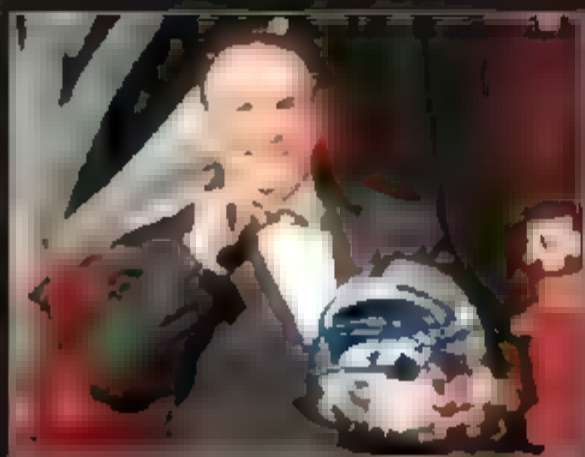


record day

Ryan Tannehill, Uzoma Nwachukwu and Jeff Fuller sing *The Spirit of Aggieland* before the Idaho game. In front of the third-largest non-conference crowd in school history (86,623), Fuller added to his school records list by eclipsing Terrence Murphy's 172 career receptions. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.







welcome to the sec

Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive and Texas A&M University president Dr. R. Bowen Loftin answer questions from the media during the Aggies' SEC celebration at the Kyle Field Zone Club. This historic event was scheduled and rescheduled multiple times throughout A&M's conference realignment adventure. Photo by Jason McConnell '01 (Inset by Brian Davis '01).

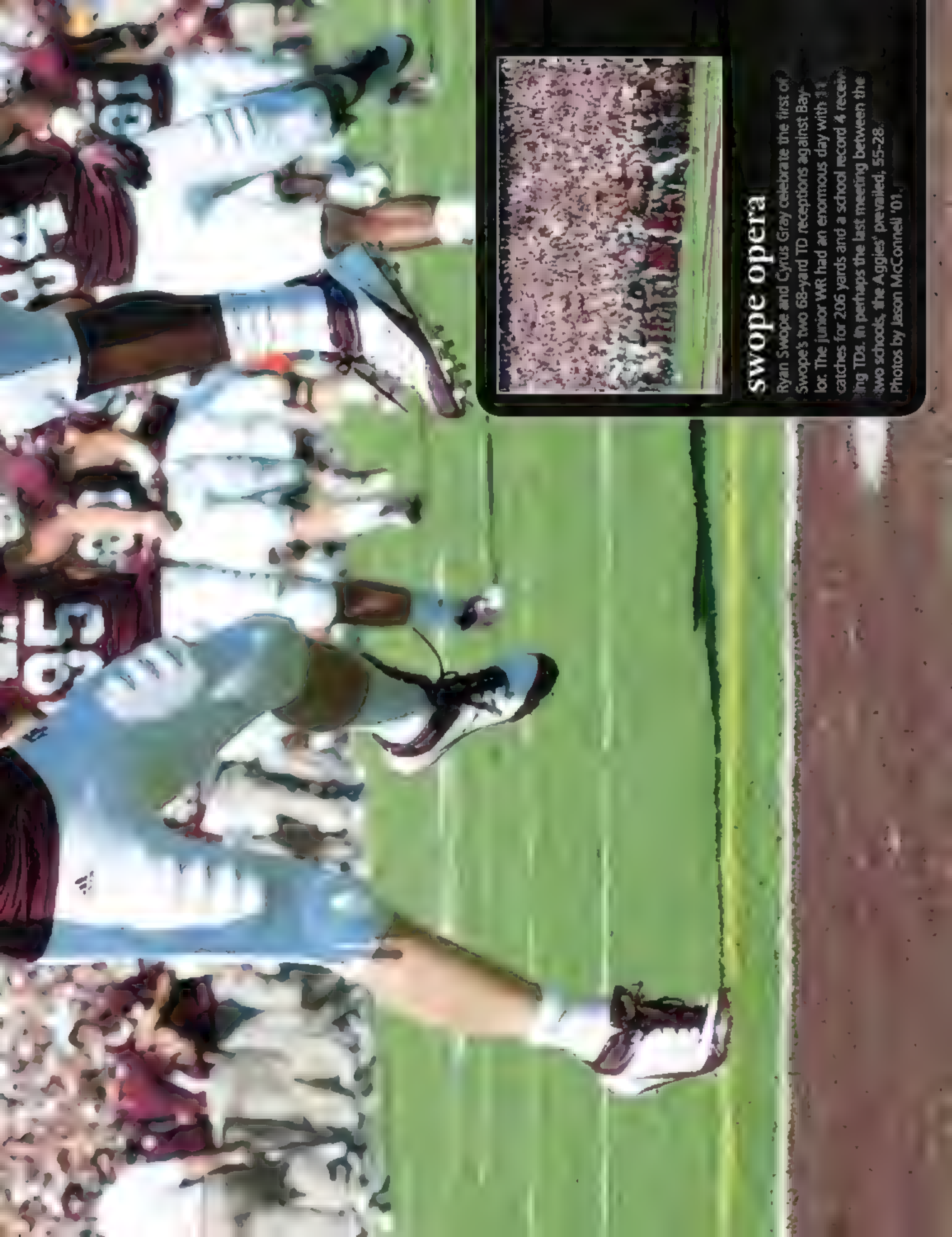




royal treatment

President Obama congratulates the national champion Texas A&M women's basketball team at the White House Rose Garden. Coach Gary Blair presented Obama with jerseys for himself and the first lady, and the president gave Logan Burch (left), Blair's grandson, a note excusing his absence from school. While in DC, the Aggies toured the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the U.S. Capitol and the White House, and held a youth clinic at the White House basketball court. Photos by Texas A&M Athletics Media Relations.





swope opera

Ryan Swope and Cyrus Gray celebrate the first of Swope's two 68-yard TD receptions against Baylor. The junior WR had an enormous day with 11 catches for 206 yards and a school record 4 receiving TDs. In perhaps the last meeting between the two schools, the Aggies' prevailed, 55-28. Photos by Jason McConnell '01.



heisman buster

Jonathan Stewart sacks Robert Griffin III late in the third quarter of the Baylor game. Despite giving up a lot of passing yards, the A&M defense mostly held Baylor in check, sacking Griffin five times on the way to a 55-28 win. Griffin's Heisman hopes were put in serious jeopardy with another loss; but he was gracious in defeat – something his head coach could learn a thing or two from him about.

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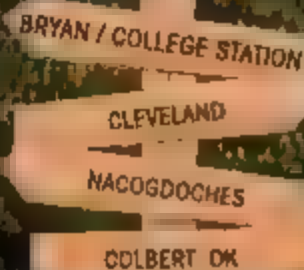
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Recruiting in **the SEC** BY JEREMY KSIONKA 04

Now that the Ags are officially on their way to the Southeastern Conference, big changes are on the horizon on the recruiting trail.

First and foremost, Texas A&M is going to have to recruit some SEC caliber athletes. Those players typically have three characteristics: Size, speed and some nasty combinations of both.

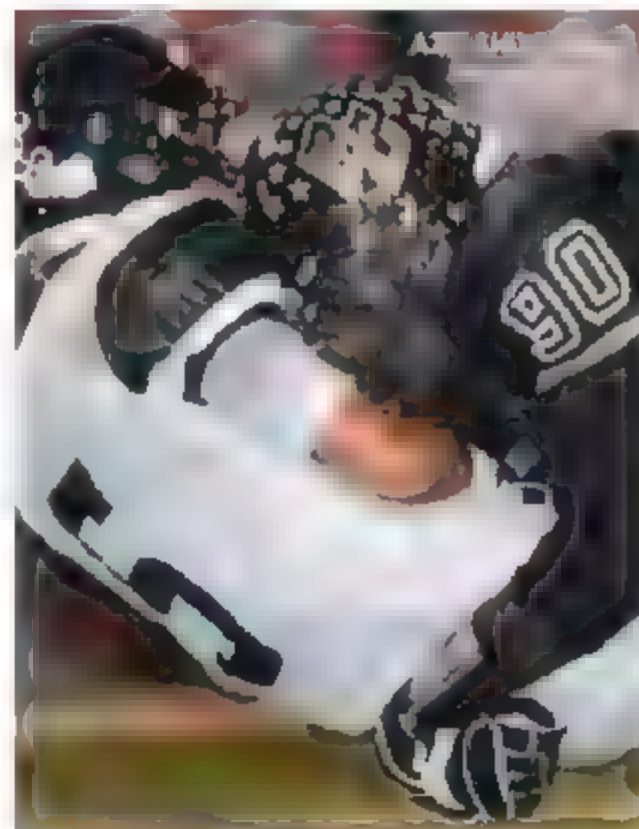
When A&M played LSU in the Cotton Bowl, it was obvious to even the most casual observer that the Aggies didn't have enough talent and depth to compete for four quarters against the Tigers. Less than a year later, LSU sits atop the national rankings with one of the biggest, fastest and deepest squads in the country.

On one hand, that should make Aggie fans feel a little better about that Cotton Bowl loss. On the other hand, A&M will have to play the Tigers every season beginning in 2012 in addition to Arkansas, Alabama, Auburn and the rest of the teams in the nation's premier athletic conference. That means the Aggies will need to close the talent gap between their future SEC foes in order to climb to the top. What's the solution? Well, not

to oversimplify, but the answer lies in the lifeblood of collegiate athletics – recruiting.

SEC battles are typically won and lost in the trenches, so the Aggies' first priority is building some quality depth along the defensive line. Texas A&M has hosted several defensive linemen recruits for games this fall, including five star Aziz Shittu (6-3, 275) of Atwater, CA and a pair of junior college standouts – Damien Jacobs (6-4, 300) of East Mississippi Community College and Darrington Sentimore (6-3, 295) of Gulf Coast Community College in Mississippi. While landing any of these three would be considered a tremendous coup, the Aggies will need to sign at least two, and perhaps as many as four prospects who are at or near their caliber.

Currently, the Aggies have just two defensive linemen committed – Blinn's Logan David (6-4, 345) and Long Beach Poly's Alonzo Williams (6-5, 240). Unfortunately, David's academic status is somewhat of an unknown, and Williams has frequented the USC and UCLA campuses since moving to the Golden State.



Although it's going to be a tough road to tow, A&M defensive line coach Terrell Williams is one of the best recruiters on staff, and his ability to sell guaranteed immediate playing time in the nation's best football conference should make the Aggies a premier destination for some of the most coveted defensive linemen in the nation. **W**

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Volleyball Coming off an impressive season in 2019, the TAMU Aggies are just getting started. After winning three conference titles, the Aggies are looking to continue their success. The Aggies' success has been a key to the Aggies' turnaround, as they have already won more matches this season than they did in 2018 and have won several key matches in the regular season. The Aggies' play should lead to a return trip to the NCAA tournament following a year absent. (second) The Aggies' slow start was a little surprising considering how dominant the program has been in recent years, but not totally unexpected due to the focus on the roster and a challenging schedule. However, the young players grew up in a hurry when the team spent the 2018-19 season in North Carolina midway through the season. From that, the Aggies haven't looked back, dominating their conference opponents in their last Big 12 season. With the regular season coming to a close, the Aggies are positioned to defend their conference title as well as compete for the national title. The Aggies are looking to continue their success in the NCAA tournament.





QUESTIONS FOR ALLIE SAWATZKY

How did you get interested in volleyball?

I have two older sisters. We were all into sport but my middle sister went to play volleyball at Oregon State and that's what sparked my interest in playing and watching it.

When I was in high school, I was a softball player. I got into volleyball in high school when we were playing in the four year tournament.

How did you find Texas A&M from Manitoba, Canada?

My dad and I did some research and found schools that needed a setter. We sent letters and if they replied, we would come to Canada to watch me play.

How did you become a setter?

When I was in the sixth grade, I was a softball pitcher. I got into volleyball in high school. I cracked my growth plate in my arm and I didn't know what it was. I had to stop playing volleyball. I wanted to play volleyball. I wanted to be a setter. The coach told me to set. I did and it worked. I probably wouldn't have chosen it, but I like it now.

What makes a good setter?

Having a great team that knows the basics of the game. Everyone has to be on the same page. Everyone has to be on the same page. Everyone has to be on the same page.

At what point do you know which way you're going to set the ball for your teammates?

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Were you surprised that you started every game last year as a freshman?

I knew there were freshmen graduating. There was another freshman. Allie Freiwald. I was in with her. I was in with her. I was in with her. I was in with her. I was in with her.

What did the struggles last year teach you and the team?

We had eight or nine matches. We learned that we have to keep pushing the whole way and can't give up. All that work we did in the first four sets doesn't matter if we lose the fifth. The experience of knowing we're going to lose and not get what you want is pushing us even harder this year.

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THE PERFECT MATCH

From Birmingham to Chapel Hill to College Station, Merritt Mathias found her home

BY KAYLIE MYNAR '12

Not many college athletes can say they won with their dream school and also won against them. That is reality for Merritt Mathias, a senior soccer player at Texas A&M.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Ala., Mathias began playing soccer at a very early age.

"You wouldn't know it now, but I was one of the shyest kids in class," Mathias admitted.

In fact, her kindergarten teacher recommended that Mathias get involved in sports to build her confidence level. Taking the teacher's advice, her parents tried her out in softball and soccer.

"After my dad watched a softball game and a soccer game, he said, 'I am not watching softball in 102 degree heat in the summer, so you're playing soccer,'" Mathias recalled laughing.

It worked out for the best, as Mathias was a natural on the soccer field. She grew up idolizing soccer hall of famer and fellow Alabama native Mia Hamm. In college, Hamm was an All-American who led North Carolina to four national championships.

"I wanted to go to North Carolina and be just like Mia Hamm," Mathias said. "I wanted to be that player, so I did everything I could to make that happen."

Mathias graduated from Oak Mountain HS in 2008 and fulfilled her dream of becoming a Tar Heel as one of the top-ranked recruits in the nation. As a freshman, she played in 20 matches including one in College Station, Texas against Texas A&M.

Mathias was blown away by the atmosphere in Aggieland and she was exposed to Texas A&M soccer several more times by the end of her sophomore season. At that point, she knew it was time to make a change and that Aggieland was where she wanted to be.

As a first-year transfer at A&M in 2010, Mathias started 20 matches, scoring a team third-best nine goals. She was named



to the All-Big 12 first team and the Big 12 All-Newcomer team.

Now a senior, Mathias is one of the leaders of a young Aggie team. The youthful roster was prevalent in A&M's first seven matches of the season. Two days after a disappointing 7-2 loss to No. 6 Duke at the Duke Nike Classic, the team was 4-3 and facing Mathias' old team – No. 1 North Carolina. The Aggies were about to grow up in a hurry and Mathias was ready.

"The atmosphere felt different," she recalled. "Something was there that had not been all season.

North Carolina scored to take a 3-1 lead early in the second half, but the Aggies never gave up. In the 71st minute, junior Nora Skelton put in a goal after a great pass from Mathias, cutting the lead to one. Then, on a corner kick, Mathias put the ball on freshman Meghan Streight's head and she finished it, tying the game. The Tar Heels couldn't get past the swarming Aggie defense as the clock ran out in regulation.

"I looked around at my team and we were still ready to play, but North Carolina was on their knees, exhausted," Mathias recalled. "Momentum and everything was on our side. This was the perfect storm for it to go our way."

The team was ready for overtime. The Aggies won possession of the opening throw in and quickly got the ball to Shea Groom. The speedy freshman zoomed past defenders and scored the golden goal to give Texas A&M its second victory all-time against the 21-time national champion Tar Heels.

"I was so proud of Shea to be a freshman in that situation and handle it like she's been here for four years," Mathias said. "I give credit to her and the team. It was amazing."

The match was only the second time in UNC history that the team gave up three consecutive goals. Needless to say, emotions ran high after the Aggies pulled off the unlikely 4-3 overtime victory, especially for Mathias.

"I looked at Phil [Coach Phil Stephenson], grabbed him and just started crying," Mathias said.

It was a special moment for the former Tar Heel – beating her former school. Head coach G. Guerrieri credited Mathias for not only playing her heart out on the field, but also raising the rest of the team to another level to win the game.

Now on the verge of starting postseason play, Mathias knows the Aggies will likely see North Carolina again if they go as deep in the NCAA tournament as they hope to. If that happens, Mathias will make sure they are ready.

"It's always hard to beat a team twice, but it's always fun." ■



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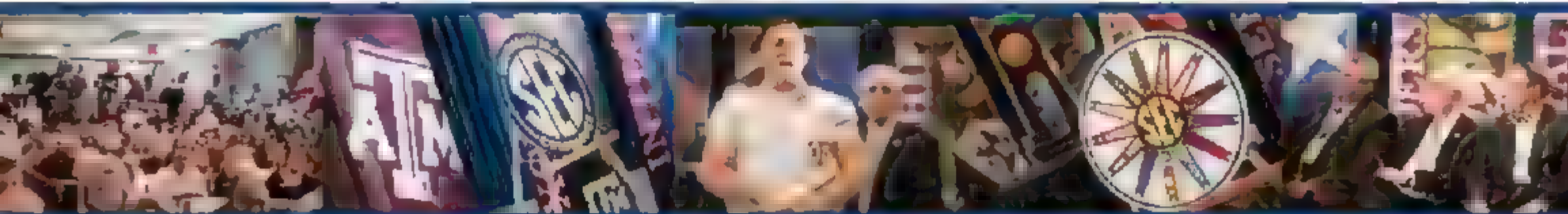
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On September 26, 2011, it was finally time for Texas A&M to have its day in the sun. What began with a phone call in late July, finally culminated with a jubilant celebration on a beautiful September day at The Zone Club inside Kyle Field.

"This is an historic time in Aggieland," Texas A&M president R. Bowen Loftin proclaimed. "Yesterday, the Southeastern Conference (SEC) – the nation's preeminent collegiate athletic conference – invited Texas A&M to become its 13th member, effective July 1, 2012. And we have accepted enthusiastically."

Like Texas A&M, eight SEC institutions were created as land-grant universities. And, like A&M, SEC members celebrate their rich history and unique traditions. It's a natural fit for many more reasons, yet it still seems surreal that it has finally happened.

In the following pages, AI takes a closer look at the SEC and Texas A&M's journey to get to its new home.



CURRENT SEC BOWL TE-INS



Sugar Bowl (New Orleans, LA)

Capital One Bowl (Orlando, FL)

Outback Bowl (Tampa, FL)

Green Bowl Classic (Arlington, TX)

Quick-M-A Bowl (Auburn, AL)

Goodyear Cotton Bowl (Dallas, TX)

Liberty Bowl (Memphis, TN)

Music City Bowl (Nashville, TN)

AT&T Compass Bowl (Birmingham, AL)

AI'S DREAM 2012 TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

9/1 Rice

The Aggies will face a more friendly opponent in the season opener. They will play at home in the new stadium.

9/8 Florida

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9/15 at SMU

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9/22 Air Force

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9/29 at Ole Miss

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10/6 Arkansas (Cowboys Stadium)

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10/13 Auburn

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10/20 Bye Week

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10/27 at Tennessee

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11/3 Louisiana-Lafayette

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11/10 at Alabama

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11/17 at Mississippi State

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11/23 LSU

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Editor's Note: AI's proposed schedule is for

2011 A&M to SEC Timeline

The Texas A&M Board of Regents meet and discuss the current state of affairs of the Big 12 Conference. Following the meeting, president R. Bowen Loftin describes the Big 12's current situation as uncertain, problematic and troubling.

President Loftin calls Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive to initiate conversations about Texas A&M.

July 21



"The Midnight Yell" blog unveils the details of the contract between the University of Texas and ESPN. (themidnightyell.blogspot.com)

August 7

Big 12 athletic directors and presidents meet via teleconference to discuss the future of Texas A&M in the conference.

President Loftin meets with Texas A&M head coaches to discuss the SEC.

August 13

The SEC presidents meet to discuss the criteria and process associated with expansion, but take no action in regards to adding members.

as the SEC declining to offer A&M an invitation to the league.

August 14

Baylor president Ken Starr writes an op-ed in USA Today that "one institution's rumored conference shift has caused an earthquake that threatens to set off a tsunami of changes around much of the country."

August 17



August 1

In response to concerns about the Longhorn Network's attempt to televise high school football games, the Big 12 Conference agrees to a one-year moratorium on broadcasting high school games on member networks.

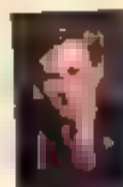
August 12

"S-E-C" chants break out during A&M's summer commencement ceremony.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents post a meeting for August 15, to discuss "conference alignment."

August 11

State Rep. Dan Branch, chairman of the Texas House Committee on Higher Education, calls a hearing for August 16 to discuss A&M's possible move to the SEC.



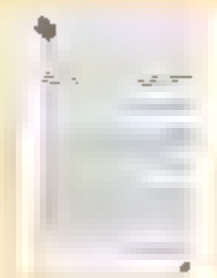
August 16

Economist Ray Perryman releases a report claiming that if A&M were to leave the Big 12, the state would lose 3,050 jobs and \$217.2 million each year.

August 15

The Texas House Committee on Higher Education cancels the hearing to discuss A&M's possible move to the SEC.

The Texas A&M Board of Regents give President Loftin authority to negotiate all conference matters. Loftin calls his task a "100 year decision."



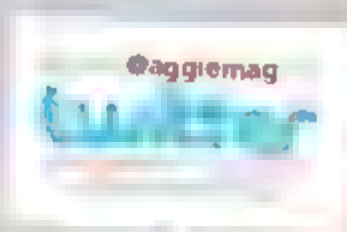
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE MILESTONES

- 1932: The SEC is formed with 13 members from the Southern Conference. Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Vanderbilt, West Virginia and Wake Forest.
- 1940: Wake Forest leaves the SEC.
- 1951: In Alabama, the home for the annual Iron Bowl game between Alabama and Auburn is held in Birmingham and is now becoming the largest football event in the country.
- 1964: Georgia leaves the SEC to join the SEC.
- 1965: Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Duke, Wake Forest, and Virginia Tech leave the SEC to join the ACC.
- 1966: Mississippi State leaves the SEC to join the SEC.
- 1990: The SEC expands to 14 members with the addition of Arkansas, Louisiana State, and Louisiana Tech.

TOP 10 CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT TWEETERS

Media members, Aggie fans and a fake conference commissioner top our list of the best tweeters during Texas A&M's conference realignment adventure.

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|---|---|
|  01. @DanBeebe
Fake Big 12 Commissioner |  06. @ClayTravisBGID
Duck the Coverage |
|  02. @RichardJustice
Texas A&M Sports Illustrated |  07. @jason_cook
A&M VP of Marketing |
|  03. @Andy Staples
Sports Illustrated |  08. @HopWebsider
Aggie Websider |
|  04. @BillyLiucci
TexAgs.com |  09. @spadilly
Aggie Fan |
|  05. @BrentZwerneman
San Antonio Express-News |  10. @Ranger222
Aggie Fan |



DISTANCE FROM AGGIELAND TO CURRENT SEC SCHOOLS

PAC 12	Miles
Stanford	131
Washington	131
Arizona	131
Arizona State	131
Utah	131
Utah State	131
Colorado	131
Colorado State	131
Idaho	131
Idaho State	131
Montana	131
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Wyoming	131
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Louisiana State	131
Arkansas State	131
Mississippi State	131
Tennessee State	131
Kentucky State	131
West Virginia State	131
Virginia Tech	131

Texas A&M receives a letter from Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe outlining the withdrawal procedures.
August 29

The SEC is notified that at least one institution (Baylor) is withdrawing its previous consent and is considering legal action.

SEC presidents vote unanimously to accept A&M as the league's 13th member upon receiving acceptable reconfirmation that the Big 12 and its members have reaffirmed the letter from September 2.
September 6

Oklahoma makes demands from the Big 12 for them to stay in the conference including firing Dan Beebe.
The Pac 12 announces that it has no intentions of expanding. OU president David Boren responds saying his school decided not to apply to the Pac 12.
September 20



Texas A&M notifies the Big 12 that the institution will submit an application to join another athletic conference, and if accepted, A&M will end its membership in the Big 12 effective June 30, 2012.
August 31

Mike Slive states that in 78 years, the SEC has only accepted membership applications from three institutions - Arkansas, South Carolina and now Texas A&M. "When Texas A&M joins our conference, we don't have immediate plans for a 14th member."
September 12

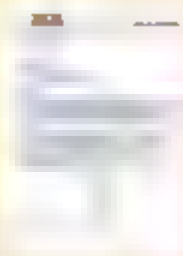
Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds says the university is focused on "the Big 12, period" and vows that he and other conference leaders will take steps to ensure the long-term stability of the league.
September 21



Dan Beebe fired as Big 12 commissioner.
September 22

August 25
Texas A&M notifies the Big 12 that it is exploring options related to the institution's athletic conference affiliation. Texas A&M also requested that the Big 12 outline the process to be followed should the university elect to withdraw from the conference.

September 2
Dan Beebe sends a letter to Mike Slive proclaiming that the Big 12 and its members will not take any legal action against the SEC relating to A&M's departure from the conference.
Oklahoma president David Boren adds more uncertainty to the Big 12's future by saying OU will not be a wallflower during conference realignment.



September 19
Board of Regents at Oklahoma and Texas meet to empower their presidents to make decisions on conference affiliation.
A group of A&M fans put up a billboard near Baylor's football stadium in Waco as a friendly reminder to the Bears that "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's conference deal."



September 25
The SEC announces that Texas A&M will officially join the conference as its 13th member on July 1, 2012.



September 26
Texas A&M hosts an official kick-off celebration in The Zone Club with Dr. Bernie Machen and Mike Slive finally welcoming the Aggies to the SEC.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Population 90,468)
Founded in 1831 as Alabama's first public college

Enrollment **30,232**
Nickname **CRIMSON TIDE**
Colors **CRIMSON AND WHITE**

All-time Record **802-319-43**
Home Record **296-63-3**

Stadium **BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM**
Capacity **101,821** (Granddaddy's) (Granddaddy's)
Average Home Attendance **101,821**

Mascot **"BIG AL"** (Timed Elephant)
Officially debuted a **1988**
Alabama's first public college

Head Coach **NICK SABAN**
Record **38-11**
SEC Record **144-70-1**

Record **32-22-3**
Most Recent **2011 CAPITAL ONE BOWL**

Record **13** (Most Recent 2009)
Record **22** (Most Recent 2009)

Rivals **AUBURN** (Rival)
TENNESSEE (Rival)

All-time Record **1-3** Most Recent **1988**
Notable Game **1968 COTTON BOWL**
TEXAS A&M 20, #8 ALABAMA 16

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Last National Championship (Non-Football)
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS (2011)

Record **13** (Most Recent 2009)
Record **22** (Most Recent 2009)

Notable Alumni **JOE NAMATH, BART STARR, DERRICK THOMAS, PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT, SELA WARD**

Comprised of over 330 students, the **MILION DOLLAR BAND** is the largest single organization on campus. It began as a military band and has become widely known for its high level of performance and has been featured on national television more often than any other college band.

The **"RAMMER JAMMER CHEER"** was a popular cheer in the 2000s, chanting, "Rammer jammer, the heart of you!", which was considered unsportsmanlike. The cheer was briefly forbade the band from playing it after games, because of its raucous nature and its use of the word "jammer". It was met with significant criticism with 98% of students voting in favor of keeping the cheer. Now the cheer is only played in the final minutes when victory is certain.

Editor's Note: Most of the statistics in this feature are as of April 2011.



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Fayetteville, Ark. (Population 73,558)
Founded as Arkansas' first public college

Enrollment **21,406**
Nickname **RAZORBACKS**
Colors **CARDINAL RED AND WHITE**

All-time Record **669-450-40**
Home Record **442-177-14**

Stadium **DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK**
Capacity **72,000** (SportsExe Power)
Average Home Attendance **68,961**

Mascot **"TUSK"** (Live Russian Boar)
Tusk III was born in 2002 and weighs 1,000 pounds.
Costume **"BIG RED"** (Male)
Female **"SUE E."** (Female)
Pork Chop **"PORK CHOP"** (Pork Chop)
Boss Hog **"BOSS HOG"** (Boss Hog)

Football Coach **BOBBY PETRINO**
Record **23-15**
SEC Record **67-34**

Record **12-23-3**
Most Recent **2011 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL**

Record **1** (Most Recent 1964)
Record **0**

Rivals **LSU** (Rival)
OLE MISS (Rival)

All-time Record **24-41-3** Most Recent **2011**

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Notable Game **1968 COTTON BOWL**
TEXAS A&M 20, #8 ALABAMA 16

Last National Championship (Non-Football)
MEN'S INDOOR TRACK (2006)

Recent SEC Championships (Non-F)
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (2010)
MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (2011)

Notable Alumni **JERRY JONES, CLIFF LEE, JOHN DALY, PAT SUMMERALL, BARRY BERTZ**

Fans of the University of Arkansas have been **"CALLING THE HOGS"** since the 1920s. This tradition, which refers to the school's cheer at sporting events, was started by a group of farmers. When a game began, they began issuing hog calls to the Razorback football team. The tradition worked and the attention of the school was drawn to the game. A group of men had organized the "Woody Pig" cheer.

One of the best collegiate bands in the country is the **RAZORBACK MARCHING BAND**, established in 1874 as the Cadet Corps band. It is part of the Military Art Department. The band has participated in all the formalities of the Military Department, as well as playing for football games and commencement ceremonies. It has won a number of World War I and II medals. It was a member of the ROTC band.





AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Auburn, Ala. (Population 53,380)

Established 1821

Home of the Tiger

Official Colors: Burnt Orange and Navy Blue

Enrollment 25,078

Nickname **TIGERS**

Colors **BURNT ORANGE AND NAVY BLUE**

Phone Record 703-400-47

Fax Record 273-67-7

Stadium **JORDAN-HARE STADIUM**

Capacity 87,451

Average Home Attendance 86,087

Mascot **"AUBIE" (Costumed Tiger)**

Has won a record six mascot national titles

Head Coach **GENE CHIZIK**

Record 22-5

Conference 27-24

Playoff Record 21-13-2

Major Bowl 2010 BCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Most Recent 2010

2010

Alabama

Georgia

Arkansas

A&M 2-0 (Most Recent 1986)

Notable Game 1986 COTTON BOWL

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EQUESTRIAN (2011)

SEC Championships (Non-Football)

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (1997-2011)

WOMEN'S GOLF (2009, 2011)

Notable Alumni **CHARLES BARKLEY, CAM NEWTON, TIM COOK (APPLE), BO JACKSON**

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Baton Rouge, La. (Population 229,553)

Established 1846

Home of the Tiger

Enrollment 27,992

Nickname **TIGERS**

Colors **PURPLE AND GOLD**

Phone Record 720-389-47

Fax Record 379-143-18

Stadium **TIGER STADIUM ("DEATH VALLEY")**

Capacity 92,400

Average Home Attendance 92,718

Mascot **"MIKE THE TIGER"**

Capitulating players must pass by Mike the Tiger

Has won a record six mascot national titles

Head Coach **LES MILES**

Record 62-17

Conference 90-38

Playoff Record 22-19-1

Major Bowl 2011 AT&T COTTON BOWL

SEC Championships 3 (Most Recent 2007)

Notable Game 10 Most Recent 2007

Alabama

OLE MISS

Arkansas

A&M 20-27-3 (Most Recent 2011)

Notable Game 2011 AT&T COTTON BOWL

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Notable Alumni **SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, PETE MARAVICH, HUBERT HUMPHREY, JAMES CARVILLE**

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MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Location: Miss (Pop 14,147)
Chartered in 1848 as the first
institution of higher learning

Enrollment 20,000
Home Name **BULLDOGS**
Colors **MAROON AND WHITE**

All Time Record **499-538-39**
Home Record **223-127-13**

Stadium **DAVIS WADE STADIUM**

Capacity **55,082**
Average Home Attendance **54,999**

Mascot **"BULLY"**
In 1939 Bully was hit
by a bulldog
and killed

Recent SEC Championships (N)
Football **14-11**
Baseball **14-11**
Basketball **9-6**
Most Recent **2011 GATOR BOWL**

All Time Record **1-0**
Home Record **1-0**
Most Recent **1941**

Home Name **OLE MISS**

Enrollment **2-2**
Most Recent **2000**
Most Recent **2000 INDEPENDENCE BOWL**
MISSISSIPPI STATE 43, TEXAS A&M 41

Recent SEC Championships (N)
MEN'S BASKETBALL (2009)
BASEBALL (2005)

Notable Alumni **JOHN GRISHAM, RAFAEL**
PALMEIRO, WILL CLARK, BUCK SHOWALTER

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Oxford, Miss (Population 14,147)
Chartered in 1848 as the first
institution of higher learning

Enrollment **19,536**
Nickname **REBELS**
Colors **CARDINAL RED AND NAVY BLUE**

All Time Record **619-476-35**
Home Record **225-78-8**

Stadium **VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM**
Capacity **60,580 (FieldTurf)**
Average Home Attendance **55,898**

Mascot **"REBEL BLACK BEAR"** (Costumed)
Replaced Colonel Reb as the official mascot
in 2010

Football Coach **HOUSTON NUTT**
Record **22-16**
All Time Record **133-86**
Bowl Record **21-12**
Most Recent **2010 AT&T COTTON BOWL**
All Time Record **3-6**
Most Recent **1962**
Home Record **6-3**
Most Recent **1963**

Recent SEC Championships (N)
MISSISSIPPI STATE (Egg Bowl)
LSU (Magnolia Bowl)

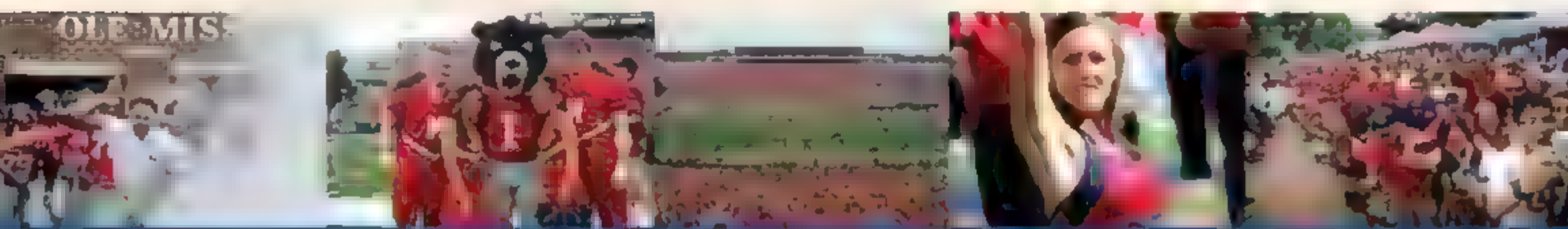
Ole Miss vs. Texas A&M
All Time Record **4-0** Most Recent **1980**
Texas A&M vs. Miss have on 10-0
Most Recent 1980
winning 1980

Recent SEC Championships (N)
BASEBALL (2006, 2009)

Notable Alumni **WILLIAM FAULKNER, ARCHIE**
MANNING, ELI MANNING, MICHAEL OHER
(THE BLIND SIDE)

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Lexington, Ky (Population 295,803)

Founded 1792
 First intercollegiate sports event 1890

Enrollment 28,000

Nickname **WILDCATS**

Colors **BLUE AND WHITE**

All-time Record **573-565-44**

Home Record **130-108-4**

Stadium **COMMONWEALTH STADIUM**

Capacity **67,606** (Bermuda Grass)

Average Home Attendance **69,594**

Mascots **"BLUE"** (Bluebird)

"THE WILDCAT" (Wildcat)

"SCRATCH" (Child of Scratch)

Football Coach **JOKER PHILLIPS**

Record at School **6-7**

Overall Record **6-7**

Bowl Record **8-7**

Most Recent **2011 BBVA COMPASS BOWL**

National Championships **1** (Most Recent **1950**)

SEC Championships **2** (Most Recent **1976**)

LOUISVILLE (Battle for the Governor's Cup)
TENNESSEE (Battle for the Barre)

SEC Championship (Football)

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Notable Alumni **ASHLEY JUDD, MITCH**

MCCONNELL, PAT RILEY, HOWARD

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, SC (Population 129,272)

Founded as South Carolina College in 1801 in
 an effort to promote harmony between the
 state's Lowcountry and Backcountry

Enrollment 29,957

Nickname **GAMECOCKS**

Colors **GARNET AND BLACK**

All-time Record **543-541-44**

Home Record **252-177-14**

Stadium **WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM**

Capacity **80,250** (Grass)

Average Home Attendance **76,668**

Mascot **"COCKY"** (Costumed Gamecock)

Mascot of the Year in 1986, 1994 and 2004

Football Coach **STEVE SPURRIER**

Record at School **44-33**

Overall Record **233-114-2**

Bowl Record **4-12**

Most Recent **2010 CHICK-FIL-A BOWL**

National Championships **0**

SEC Championships **0**

Rivals **CLEMSON** (The Palmetto Bowl)

GEORGIA (The Border Bash)

South Carolina vs Texas A&M

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Notable Alumni **DARIUS RUCKER, MOOKIE**

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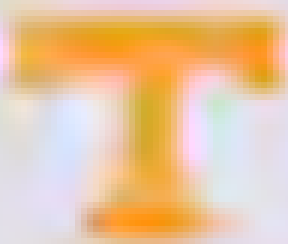
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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Knoxville, Tenn (Population 1,887,411)

Founded 1794, the year of the American Revolution

Enrollment 49,900 (2010)

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Student Body 27,523

Student Name **VOLUNTEERS**

Colors **ORANGE AND WHITE**

Alt Time Record **789-340-53**

Phone Record **432-109-17**

Stadium **NEYLAND STADIUM ("ROCKY TOP")**

Capacity **102,455** (Grass)

Average Home Attendance **99,781**

Mascot **"SMOKEY"** (Costumed Smokey Bear)

Smoky Bear's Story

Smoky II had an 11-year career

Smoky at the 1957 Sugar Bowl

Football Coach **DEREK DOOLEY**

Record at School **6-7**

Overall Record **23-27**

Bowl Record **25-24**

Most Recent **2010 MUSIC CITY BOWL**

National Championships **6** (Most Recent **1998**)

SEC Championships **13** (Most Recent **1998**)

Rivalry **ALABAMA** (Third Saturday in October)

Rivalry **KENTUCKY** (Battle for the Barre)

Notable Game 1957 **PRAXIS A&M**

Record at School **0-2** (Most Recent **2005**)

Notable Game **1957 GATOR BOWL**

#13 TENNESSEE 3, #9 TEXAS A&M 0

In 1957, the first game of the season was played at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida

The game was a 3-0 victory for Tennessee

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Recent SEC Championships (Non-Football) **WOMEN'S INDOOR (2011)**

Recent SEC Championships (Non-Football) **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (2010-11)**

Recent SEC Championships (Non-Football) **SOFTBALL (2011)**

Notable Alumni **REGGIE WHITE, PEYTON MANNING, AL GORE, PHIL GARNER**

Marching Band **PRIDE OF THE SOUTH**

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Knoxville, Tenn (Population 635,710)

Established in 1873 by the Methodist Episcopal Church

South from an endowment by James M. Smith

James M. Smith - the richest man in the US at the time

Enrollment **6,750**

Nickname **COMMODORES**

Colors **BLACK AND GOLD**

Alt Time Record **557-568-50**

Home Record **60-107-1**

Stadium **VANDERBILT STADIUM**

Capacity **39,773** (Grass)

Average Home Attendance **33,269**

Mascot **"MR. C"** (Costumed Commodore)

Portrayed as a naval officer from the 19th century

Mr. C is a complete with mutton chops and a topknot

Football Coach **JAMES FRANKLIN**

Record at School **0-0**

Overall Record **0-0**

Bowl Record **2-1-1**

Most Recent **2008 MUSIC CITY BOWL**

National Championships **0**

SEC Championships **0**

Rivalry

TENNESSEE

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Vanderbilt vs. A&M

The two teams have never met

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Last National Championship (Non-Football) **WOMEN'S BOWLING (2007)**

Last National Championship (Non-Football) **WOMEN'S BOWLING (2007)**

Recent SEC Championships (Non-Football) **BASEBALL (2011)**

Recent SEC Championships (Non-Football) **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (2009)**

Notable Alumni **MOLLY SIMS, JOE BOB BRIGGS, AMY GRANT, FRED THOMPSON**

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Junior Patrick Lewis anchors one of the most explosive offenses in Texas A&M history

"If I had eleven Patrick Lewises I would never lose a football game. When he leaves, it will be an emotional day for me."

HEAD COACH, MIKE SHERMAN

Patrick Lewis never thought he would have the opportunity to play Division I football. The Louisiana native was not heavily recruited by LSU and other D1 schools because of his height.

However, things changed when East St. John HS coach Larry Dauterive contacted his good friend Mike Sherman about some prospects he thought the Aggies needed to see. The A&M head coach sent then-defensive line coach and area recruiter Buddy Wyatt to visit the school and pick up some film. However, Lewis wasn't expecting anything out of the visit because of everything the other big schools had said.

"I was just thinking, whatever – they are probably going to brush me off and I'll play ball at a small school," Lewis recalled.

A couple of days later, Lewis received a call from a 979 area code, not knowing who it could be. Wyatt was on the other line telling Lewis that he wanted him to visit because Sherman wanted to see him in person. Two days later, Lewis got a scholarship offer from the Aggies.

"I was surprised Coach Sherman offered me, being the man that he is with the Packers and NFL prominence," Lewis recalled. "I knew I had to come here."

Fellow Louisiana natives Jonathan Stewart and Michael Lamothe joined Lewis in the Aggies' 2009 signing class, as Sherman made recruiting the Pelican State one of his top priorities when he took the job.

"You have to have Louisiana on your team," Lewis said. "Not just to have success because you could stay in Texas for success, but it adds another spice."

As a true freshman, Lewis saw action in 12 of the Aggies' 13 games in 2009. He made his first career start at guard in the fifth game of the year against Oklahoma State and hasn't left the starting lineup since. As a cornerstone of A&M's offen-

sive front, Lewis earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors as a freshman in 2009 and again in 2010 after starting all 13 games as a sophomore.

With Matt Allen graduating last year, Lewis knew a move to center was coming for his junior season. He was ready when spring football practice started, but didn't take the initiative to tell offensive line coach Jim Turner he was ready to take the position. However, when the coaches called upon him towards the end of the spring, he was ready for the challenge.

"I was steady in my guard position, but when the coaches asked me, 'Patrick, do you want to play center today?' there was no second guessing."


The vocal aspect of the position was the toughest part for Lewis to adjust to. He had to make all the calls, make sure everyone was in the right spot, and take on a leadership role and the responsibility of the offensive line.

"It was shocking at first," Lewis admitted. "But Danny Baker and I worked together to get everything down. I'm really happy about the role I'm taking on this football team."

The A&M offense continues to put up record numbers this season and Lewis is a big reason why. His power and understanding of the game has made the transition from guard to center go smoothly.

"If I had eleven Patrick Lewises I would never lose a football game," Sherman said. "When he leaves, it will be an emotional day for me."

Lewis thinks that highly of his coach, as well.

"He gave me the chance to play in big time college football and I will really appreciate that until the day I die," Lewis said. "I'll be able to tell my kids that my first BCS offer came from Coach Sherman. It was a blessing that he came into my life and gave me this opportunity." 

Patrick Lewis on wearing No. 61:

originally wanted No. 77, but Lucas Patterson had it. I picked 61 for my best friend, Antonio Velez, because he didn't have an opportunity to play football after high school.

Patrick Lewis on food:

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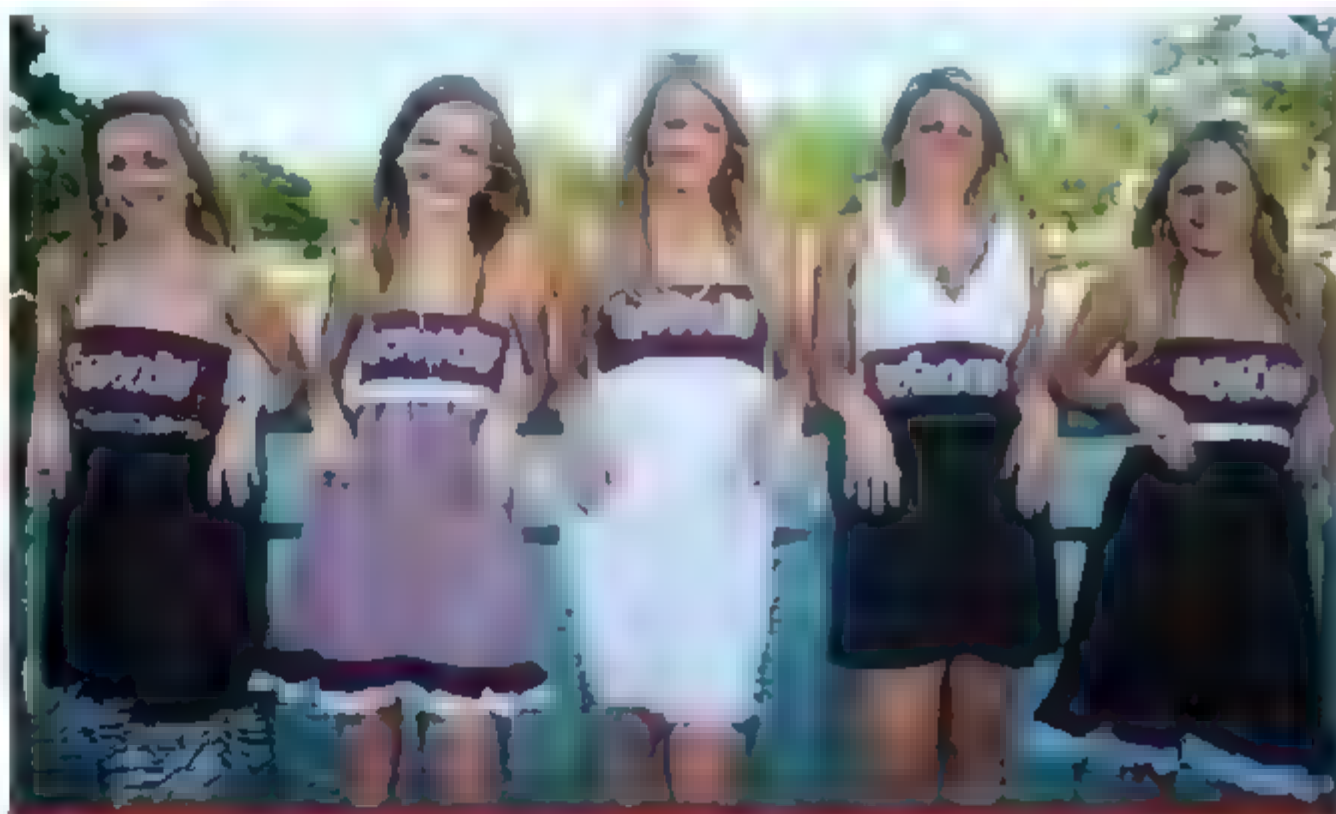
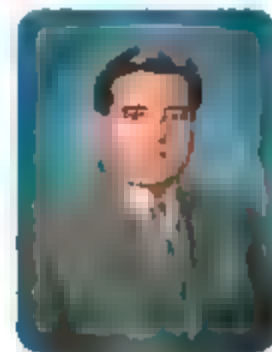
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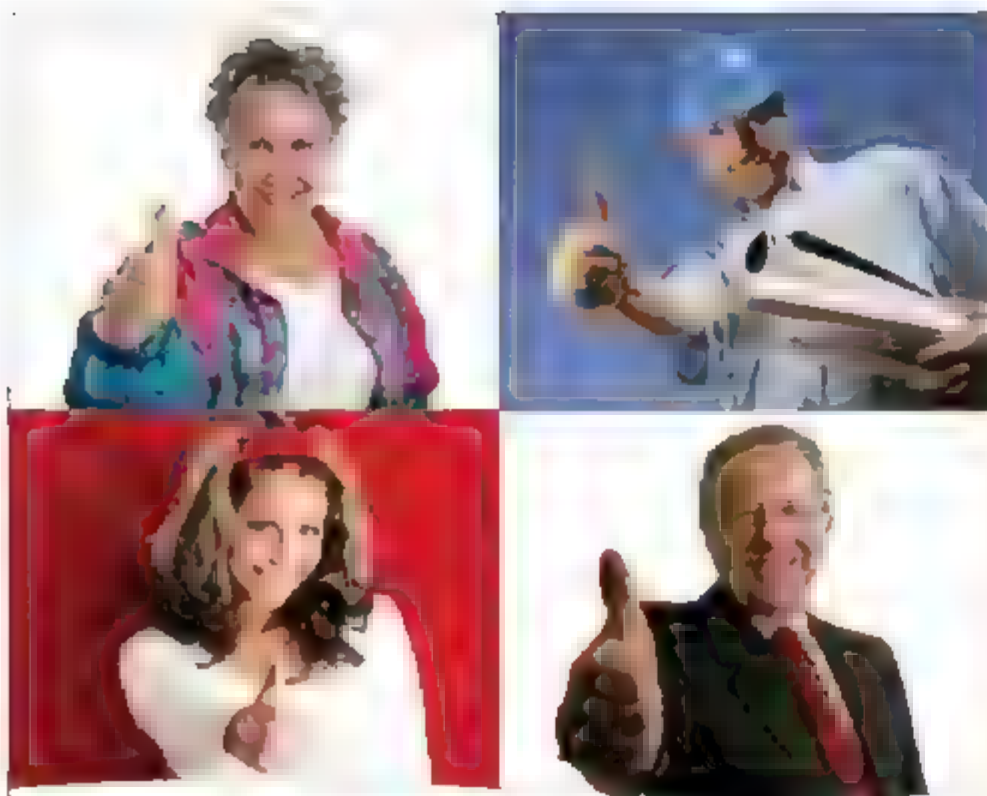
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TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL REWIND

[GAME 1: A&M 46, SMU 14]



▲ PHOTO OF THE GAME [SMU]

James White, the son of a Texas A&M football player, was the first SMU player to score a touchdown in the game. He ran for 100 yards and scored on a 10-yard run in the second quarter. White was named the Offensive MVP of the game.

OFFENSIVE MVP: White, 100 yards, 2 TDs

DEFENSIVE MVP: LB Sean Portner, 1 sack, 1 INT

SPECIAL TEAMS MVP: K Riley Blosil, 1 FG



[GAME 2: A&M 37, IDAHO 7]

PHOTO OF THE GAME [IDAHO] ►

Brett Smith, the son of a Texas A&M football player, was the first A&M player to score a touchdown in the game. He ran for 100 yards and scored on a 10-yard run in the second quarter. Smith was named the Offensive MVP of the game.

OFFENSIVE MVP: Brett Smith, 100 yards, 2 TDs

DEFENSIVE MVP: LB Sean Portner, 1 sack, 1 INT

SPECIAL TEAMS MVP: K Riley Blosil, 1 FG



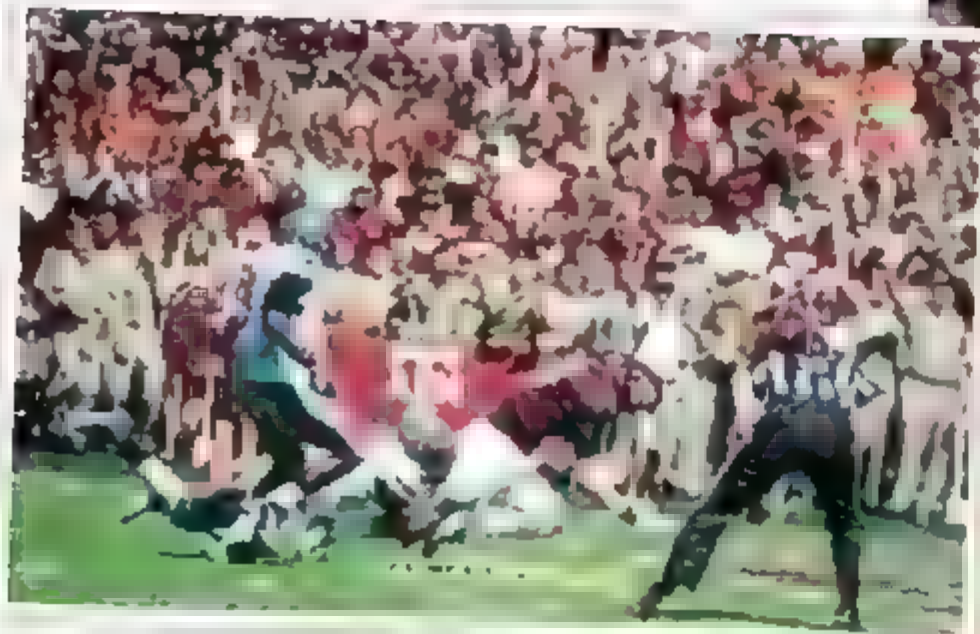


PHOTO OF THE GAME | OKLAHOMA STATE | ►

1. The first step is to identify the variables in the model. In this case, the variables are the number of hours worked (H), the number of hours of leisure (L), and the wage rate (W).

OFFENSIVE MVP: QB Matt Ryan
DEFENSIVE MVP: LB Brian Urlacher
SPECIAL TEAMS MVP: K Matt Prater

▼ PHOTO OF THE GAME [ARKANSAS]

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OFFENSIVE MVP: Matt Ryan, Atlanta Falcons
DEFENSIVE MVP: Patrick Peterson, Arizona Cardinals
SPECIAL TEAMS MVP: Devin Hester, Chicago Bears



[GAME 5: **A&M 45**, TEXAS TECH 40]



▲PHOTO OF THE GAME [TEXAS TECH]

The following code defines a function `add` that takes two arguments, `x` and `y`, and returns their sum. The function is then called with the arguments `10` and `20`, and the result is stored in the variable `result`.

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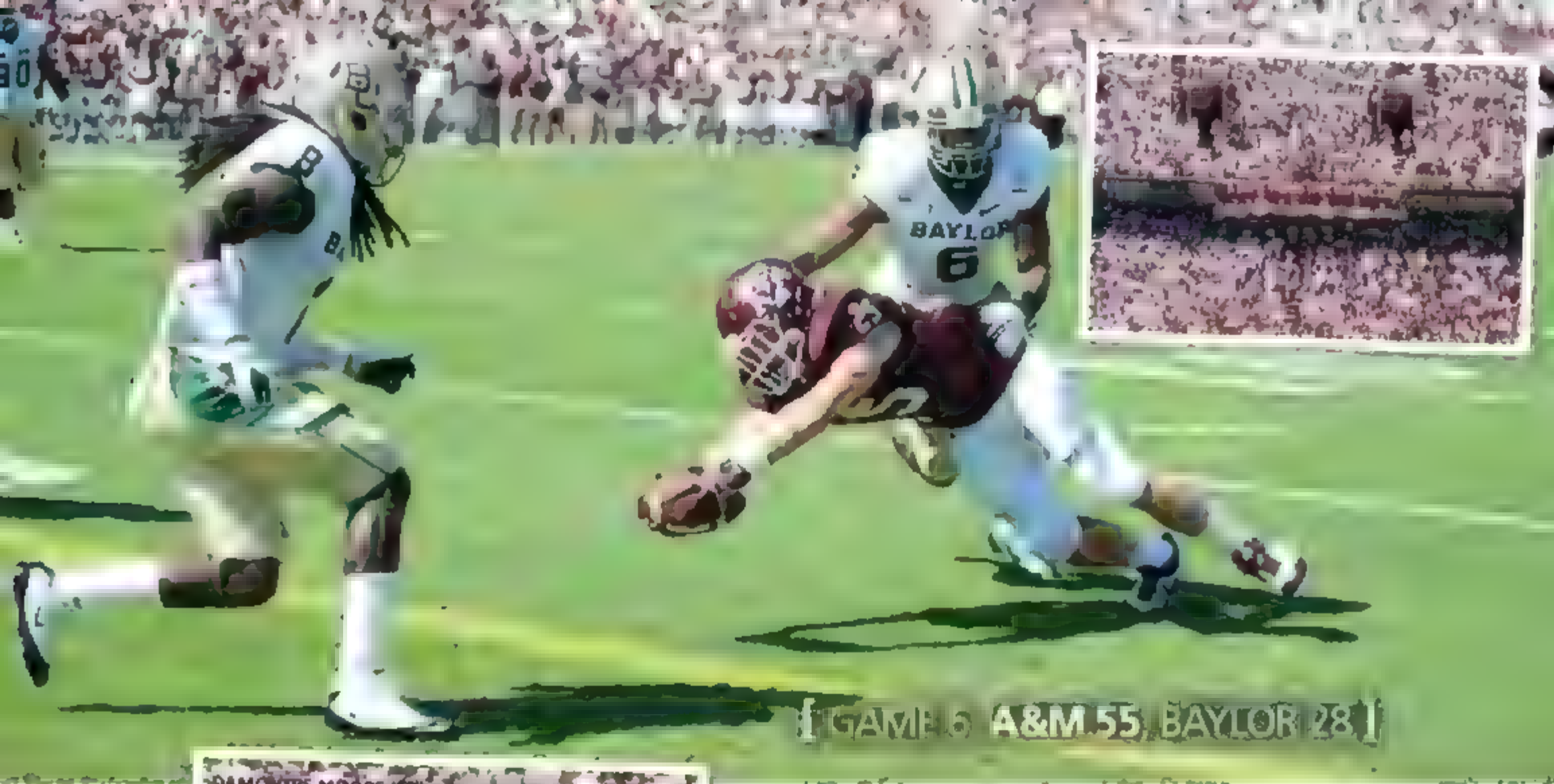
result = add(10, 20)
print(result)

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OFFENSIVE MVP: KK 2008-09 '06 '7C

DEFENSIVE MVP: Brandon Smith 17L 2 PB

SPECIAL TEAMS MVP: **Devin McCaffrey** (DAL) 12-10-1



▲PHOTO OF THE GAME [BAYLOR]

Второй этап работы по созданию модели связан с определением параметров модели. В данном случае это определение параметров модели, которые будут использоваться для описания поведения системы.

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Девятый этап работы по созданию модели связан с мониторингом модели. В данном случае это мониторинг модели за ее работой и за ее результатами.

Десятый этап работы по созданию модели связан с прекращением работы модели. В данном случае это прекращение работы модели, если она больше не нужна или если ее результаты становятся неактуальными.

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How have you progressed on the field?

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How has Coach Williams helped you?

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What younger guys on the defensive line have impressed you?

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What are your favorite techniques when rushing the passer?

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Do you have a different perspective because of what you went through?

might appreciate the more since
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Do you use your experience to help the younger guys stay focused?

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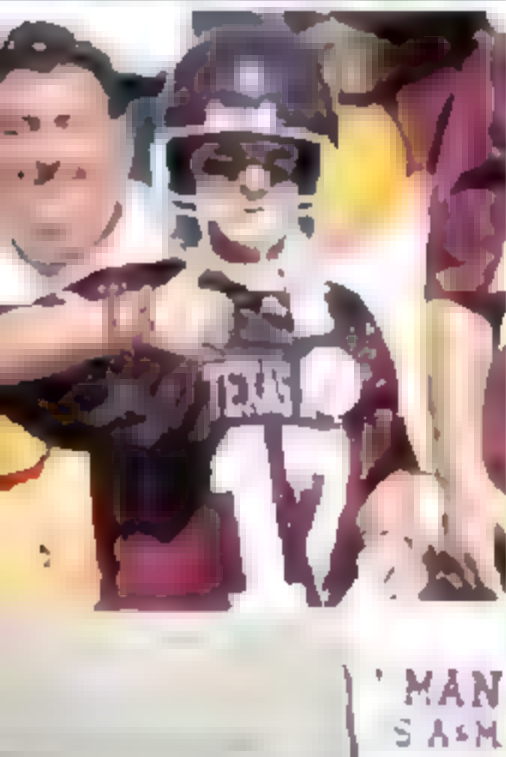


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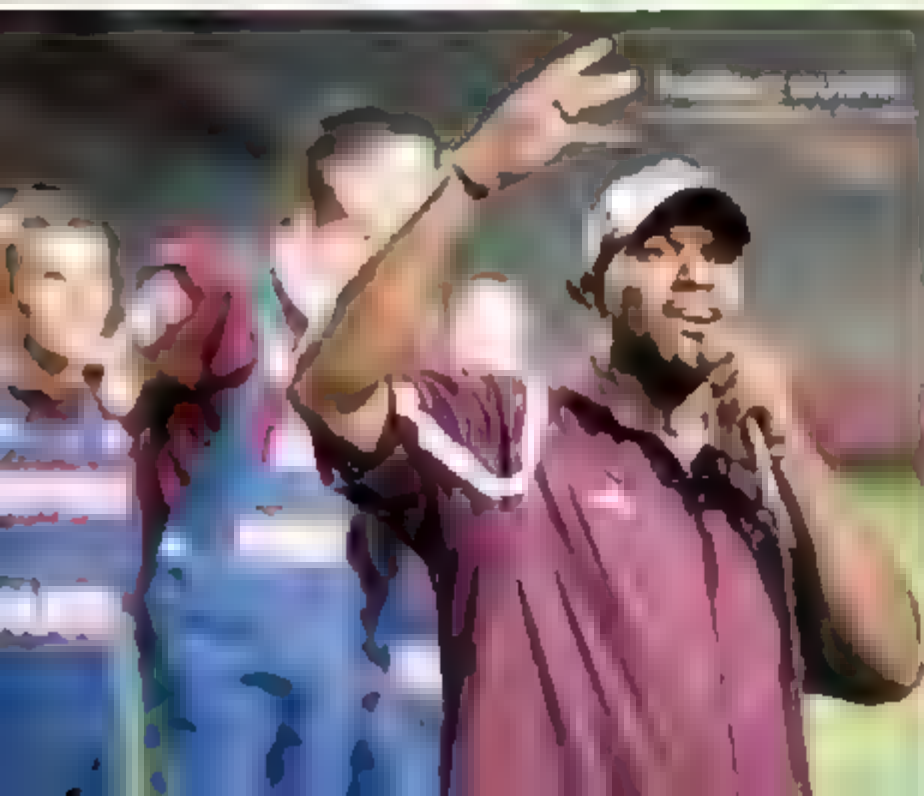


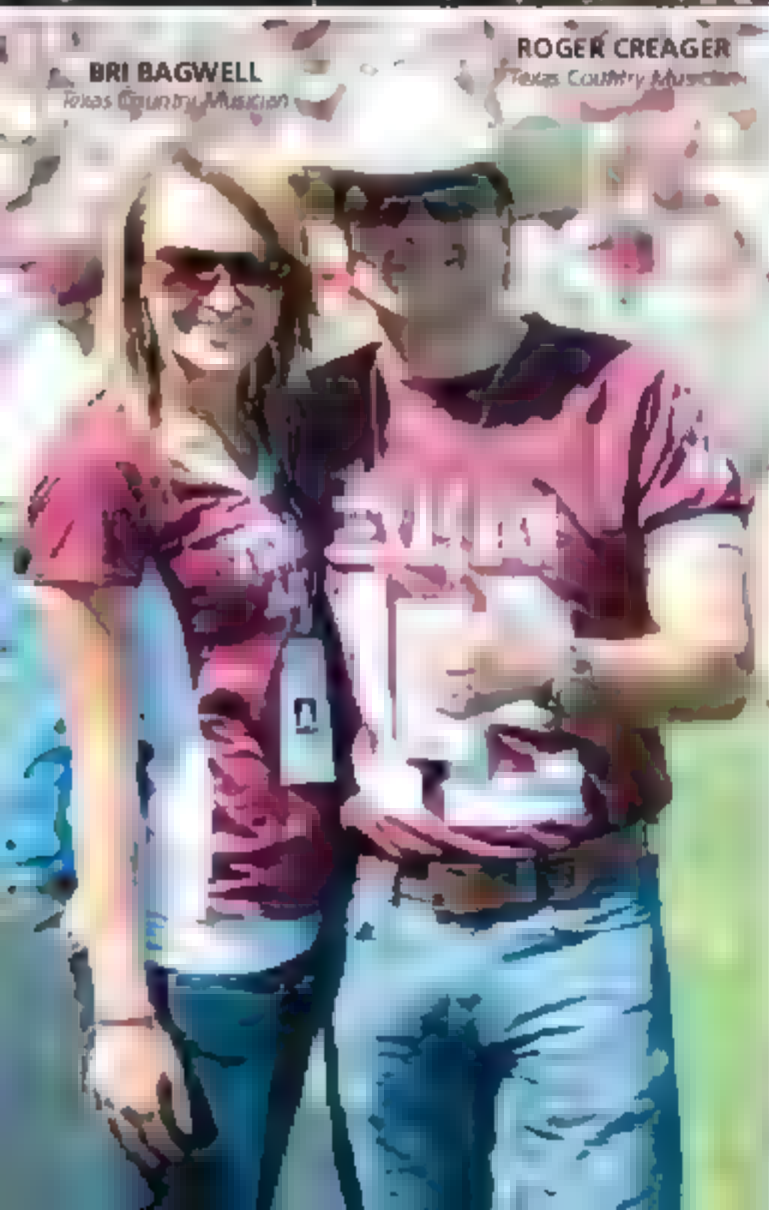
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CYCLING & WATER POLO

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

CYCLING

A lot of kids grow up riding their bikes to school or to their friends' houses. The freedom to go whenever, wherever makes a child and his bicycle nearly inseparable. That is until they get their hands on a set of car keys. That's when the bike ends up collecting dust in the corner of the garage.

However, for Andrew Carlberg '12 and this group of current students, rarely does a day go by when they aren't riding their bicycles somewhere around Aggieland. Carlberg is the president of the Texas A&M cycling team – one of the most popular sport clubs on campus.

The club was founded in 1976 as a competitive cycling team, and in 1977, it was recognized by the University Extramural Sports Association. Today, the team is as strong as ever, competing in the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference with 16 schools in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Each semester, there are five or more weekends of races hosted by the various schools in the conference. The Aggies compete in four categories – road (spring), mountain (fall), track (summer) and cyclocross. After the season, the team sends several riders to nationals to compete in each of the disciplines.

Membership to the team is open to anyone, but only full-time Texas A&M students are eligible to compete in collegiate races.

"About 60 percent of our members do their first race through the team," Carlberg said. "We don't have a coach so it's up to the older riders to teach things like tactics and how to train properly. Through this mix of new and experienced cyclists there is really a spot on the team for everyone."

There isn't a requirement on how much you have to train, but the team organizes daily rides for anyone who wants to tag along and get a workout in. Some days are harder than others and on Tuesdays, the team simulates a race. Carlberg tries to train almost every day for a total of about 10 to 15 hours on the bike a week.

"My favorite part about the team is the amount of fun we have," Carlberg said. "Meetings are generally funny, trips are always memorable and hilarious and the amount of friends you make is amazing."

MEN'S WATER POLO

If you are a fan of Olympic sports, you have likely watched water polo competitions at the highest level. Men's water polo has been part of the Summer Olympics program since the second games, in 1900.

At Texas A&M, men's water polo is one of the most unique clubs on campus. Unlike nearly every other club, the members never have to pay any dues. The Aggies are funded by Kyle Field Cleanup, which occurs Sunday mornings following home football games.

"Water Polo used to be a varsity sport at A&M," explains club president Max Bernau '13, "however in 1972, when Title IX was signed into law, water polo got bumped to a club program. To offset this loss, the university gave us Kyle Field Cleanup. To this day, the water polo team still runs the cleanup of Kyle Field after every home football game and it's a privilege for which we are thankful."

In the water, the Aggies are one of the top collegiate programs in the country, competing in the eight-team Texas Division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association. They play three tournaments in the fall excluding nationals. The first place team in Texas moves on to the national championship.

The team practices two hours a day, four days a week. Usually they begin with swim sets and then strengthen their legs by treading water while holding weights. The rest of practice is spent running drills and scrimmaging. Most of the members played water polo in high school or with a club team, but anyone is welcome to try out.

"A good water polo player needs strong legs to tread water during the game," Bernau said. "Endurance is key as swimming can be very strenuous. As with any team sport, water polo players must be able to work together and pass the ball around in order to get a good shot on the goal."

In addition to being a fun way to work out, the club is a great way to meet friends.

"My favorite thing about playing polo for Texas A&M is the competition and camaraderie," Bernau said.

Visit recsports.tamu.edu for more information about Texas A&M cycling or men's water polo. ■



SECede!



Howdy!

Although some students are concerned how we will fair in the SEC, most are more than excited for the change and understand the various advantages of moving to the nation's premier conference.

Considering the numerous national titles A&M has either won or contended for recently, I think the Aggies will do more than hold their own. Let's be serious – football is what's on everybody's mind, and I think it's important to recognize how far we've come in such short time. I remember my freshman year going 4-8 (Fall '08), then how excited everyone was just to make a bowl game the next season. With recruiting at an all time high and an A-list coaching staff, I believe things will only go up from here.

"As far as the SEC move goes, I think it's two-fold. Both the SEC and A&M will benefit from the move. It establishes us as the only school in the SEC within Texas, this will be HUGE for us in recruiting. For the SEC, they get a passionate fan base that blends in perfectly with the attitudes and culture of the SEC. We not only bring a rising football team, but other great athletic programs that have had recent national success. We also bring our great academic reputation."

— TAYLOR ANERLUS '12



"I'm excited about the opportunity to road trip. I'm anticipating the drive with friends to Tuscaloosa, Baton Rouge and Fayetteville. I've never considered making a drive to Lubbock or Waco. I'm also happy to be headed to a conference where there is a greater sense of equality among schools, getting away from a Texas-ran Big 12."

— DONAMIAN HANKSTON '11



Of course leaving the Big 12 means leaving behind old standing rivalries that we will all miss (or not). It's safe to say the student population did not take well to the negative light that was being cast upon A&M by Baylor during the Aggies' move to the SEC. These "It Sucks to BU" shirts, for sale at Aggieland Outfitters, would be appropriate to wear for all remaining games against Baylor.



A friend of mine who recently graduated from A&M and is now attending law school at Baylor offered her opinion:



"I'm proud of Texas A&M's leaders for taking the initiative and doing what they believe is right for our university. I receive 'Baylor pride' emails to my student account, and there have been many official statements by Baylor

leaders accusing A&M of 'setting a bad example for the young minds on campus and causing an anarchy in college athletics.' I would have more respect for Baylor's efforts if they would acknowledge they are acting with the same incentives as Texas A&M, to stay in the most profitable, recognizable conference available to them. The defamatory remarks about A&M's decisions are unnecessary and highly hypocritical. If Baylor was capable of entering the SEC Conference, lets face it, the Big 12 would be saying bye to their Baptists."

— KATIE BEARD '11

Speaking of the Baylor game, a Texas A&M student group made up of representatives from over 25 campus organizations created Aggie Wildfire Relief to raise funds through the sale of maroon 12th Man towels for the Aggies' game against the Bears to help the victims and volunteer firefighters affected by the recent wildfires across Texas. I hope it rang a bell with the angry Bear fans that Texas A&M DOES first and foremost have loyalty to our great state.

That said, all we can do is look forward now. Make sure you are following us on twitter @aggiemag and 'Like' us on our facebook page: "Aggieland Illustrated Magazine."

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